

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Those present: Mayor Beville, Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, McClenon, Parkhill and Perring. Absent: Councilmen Nies and Oosterhous.

Mayor Beville reported to Council on meeting of the Delegation of Mayors from several of the principal incorporated town in Prince Georges County in which the request to conduct a referendum some time within the Spring regarding the provision of fire tax in certain parts of Prince Georges County, and the request that a portion of tax money collected within the boundaries be returned to the City for a municipal police department was presented. Mayor Beville further stated that both suggestions were received favorably, although their Corporation Counsel questioned the legality of returning money to municipalities.

Councilman McClenon moved that we endorse the repeal of Section 1188 and put it through the usual channels of getting it introduced as a bill in the 1951 session.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman McClenon moved that authority to sell at public auction a twenty-foot lot or strip of land located between Lots Nos. 4 and 5 in Block 78 of the Takoma Park Loan and Trust Company Addition be submitted to the 1951 session of the General Assembly.

Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Perring presented matter of replacing the American LaFrance Pumper for a new Fire Pumping Engine of at least 1250 gallons per minute capacity and a motor of at least 240 brake horsepower, and moved that we ask for bids on this pumper.

Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Perring moved adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1039

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:

Section 1. THAT the following streets be made one way:
(a) Sycamore Avenue from Ethan Allen Avenue to Elm Ave.
(b) Woodland Avenue from Elm Avenue to Ethan Allen Ave.
(c) Columbia Avenue from Sycamore Ave. to Poplar Avenue.

Section 2. AND that the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to proceed with the erection of the necessary signs.

Section 3. AND FURTHER, that the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinance governing traffic regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

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The Ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, McClenon, Parkhill and Perring. Nays: None.

Councilman Perring moved adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1040

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:

Section 1. THAT there shall be no-parking on Carroll Avenue from intersection of Lee Avenue to Flower Avenue, Park Avenue from intersection of Denwood Avenue to Carroll Avenue and on the south side of Erie Avenue from intersection of Albemarle Avenue to Maple Avenue.

Section 2. AND that the Public Works Department or State Roads Commission be authorized to proceed with the erection of the necessary signs.

Section 3. AND FURTHER, that the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinance governing traffic regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

The Ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, McClenon, Parkhill and Perring. Nays: None.

Councilman Perring moved adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1041

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:

Section 1. That Maple Avenue from Valley View Avenue to the City limits be made one-way, and prohibition of parking from the west side to the east side, and to take effect when it has been coordinated with the District of Columbia.

Section 2. AND that the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to proceed with the erection of the necessary signs.

Section 3. AND FURTHER, that the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinance governing traffic regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

The Ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Parkhill and Perring. No Vote: Councilmen Klinck and McClenon.

Councilman Klinck presented the matter of a temporary repair to the Maple Avenue Bridge due to their inability to work out the original plans. After discussion, it was agreed that our Corporation Counsel should contact the three property owners to ascertain their opinion regarding an easement.

Councilman Klinck submitted some proposed changes to Ordinance No. 920. After discussion, it was referred to the next regular meeting.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Those present: Mayor Beville, Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, McClenon, Oosterhous, Parkhill and Perring. Absent: Councilman Nies.

The Clerk read letter of resignation from Mr. J. H. Nies, whereby Mr. Nies recommended Professor Sydney W. Tymeson, 720 Flower Avenue, to fill the vacancy.

Councilman McClenon moved that we accept Mr. Nies' resignation and notify him that we regret the necessity of his resignation, and extend to him appreciation for his great service while on the Council.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

The Clerk then read a letter addressed to the Mayor and Council from sixteen citizens presenting the name of Sydney W. Tymeson for consideration as the successor of Mr. J. H. Nies.

Councilman Perring moved that inasmuch as we regret to loose Mr. Nies, we were very fortunate to have a candidate that is endorsed by the Citizens of that area, and it was a great pleasure to nominate Mr. Sydney W. Tymeson to fill the place of Mr. Nies.

Councilman Oosterhous seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried with a unanimous ballot.

The following Oath was administered by the Mayor:

I, Sydney W. Tymeson do swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States; and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the Constitution and Laws thereof; and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of Councilman of the City of Takoma Park, according to the Constitution and Laws of this State. I believe in the Almighty God.

Councilman Parkhill moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of December 18 and January 15, 1951, and that they be accepted after the correction by Councilman Oosterhous was made.

Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman McClenon moved we dispense with the reading of the bills

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman McClenon moved that we approve the bills that have been signed by the Finance Committee and the Treasurer in the amount of \$11,362.98, and Special Improvement Bills in the amount of \$512.50.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

The Clerk and Treasurer presented the Financial Statement for the month of December as follows:

RECEIPTS ESTIMATED
to 12/31/50 BUDG. 7/1/51 TOTAL BUDGET

11/30/50 Cash on Hand	89,312.51
Citizens Bank	13,134.94
Suburban Bank	102,447.45

REVENUES:				
1.11 General Taxes	11,130.83	227,620.23	38,859.77	266,480.00
2.11 Licenses & Permit	484.14	12,344.67	7,820.33	20,165.00
3.11 Fines & Forfeitures	43.70	109.20	1,090.80	1,200.00
4.2 Use of Money & Prop.	.00	15.00	195.00	210.00
5.9 Miscellaneous	101.67	10,061.60	5,543.40	15,605.00
6.4 Service chg. for current service	24.00	558.00	592.00	1,150.00

ck #2667-8/4/50 not used	11,784.34	558.00	592.00	1,150.00
	114,231.79	250,708.70	54,101.30	304,810.00
	798.64			
	115,030.43			

DISBURSEMENTS:				
10.1 General Govt.	3,739.81	17,567.59	10,405.41	27,973.00
11.1 Police Dept.	3,065.77	24,183.75	22,837.25	47,021.00
11.2 Fire Dept.	2,739.18	20,399.51	13,880.49	34,280.00
12.1 P/W Dept. Sts.	13,706.69	48,717.86	17,827.14	66,545.00
13.1 P/W Dept. San.	5,482.04	45,643.98	32,886.02	78,530.00
19.1 Recreation	159.76	10,646.57	7,683.43	18,330.00
21.1 Miscellaneous	488.04	5,281.32	2,668.68	7,950.00
Citizens Bank Exchange Chg.	29,381.29	172,440.58	108,188.42	280,629.00
	85,649.14			
	85,648.42			

12/31/50 Citizens Bank	71,945.17	11/30/50 Bal. Citizens Bank	19,962.09
12/31/50 Sub. Nat'l "	13,703.25	Deposits in Dec. 1950	1,309.87
	85,648.42		21,271.96

12/31/50	Withdrawals "	20,412.50
	" "	859.46
	12/31/50 Bal. Citizens Bank	859.46

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Mrs. Dolly F. Lynn objecting to the leashing of dogs.

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Letter from Mr. William W. Jones, Sec'y of Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department advising that 5 folding tables and all wooden folding chairs of the Department be turned over to the City for use in the Gymnasium.

Letter from Mr. Ellery Denison, President of East Takoma Citizens Association, registering a protest against the recently enacted City Ordinance by his Association, and requesting that the Council reconsider its action. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

Letter from Takoma Motor Company requesting that necessary steps be taken to assure them of regular weekly trash collection. Referred to Public Works Committee.

Letter signed by three property owners on Auburn Avenue reporting the sewage from the Esso Gasoline Station at the corner of New Hampshire Avenue and Ethan Allen Avenue runs directly under the wall behind it, over the lawns, into Auburn Avenue, along the curb and into the storm sewer, and requested a correction of the situation. Referred to Public Works Committee.

Petition from 36 property owners on Sycamore Avenue requesting Council not to make a one-way street of Sycamore from Ethan Allen to Elm Avenue, but to make it one-way from Ethan Allen to Columbia Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

OPEN MEETING: Mr. George L. Kennedy, 7715 Takoma Avenue, stated he was speaking only for himself. In reviewing the status of a dog in the Community, he stated that for 50 years the dog has had a recognized place in family life and in the Community. He pointed out that a dog becomes less friendly if he is chained, sometimes, may even become vicious; therefore, it was important that a dog have his freedom. Other points suggested by Mr. Kennedy were the importance of dogs as companions to children, the unsightly condition it would cause by putting up a fence high enough to keep your dog in, and the expense involved to put up the fence. Mr. Kennedy closed his address by presenting a letter received by him from Mrs. S. W. Ross, which voiced a protest against the ordinance.

Mr. John L. Zimmerman, 1003 Elm Avenue, asked for clarification regarding the passing of this Ordinance.

Councilman McClenon explained that previous to the adoption of the dog ordinance, the City licensed dogs in both Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties. Montgomery County did not require the imposition of a license fee on dog owners if they had been licensed by the City, but Prince Georges County did. Since the Council was opposed to duplicate licensing, they surrendered the City's right to license dogs, and requested the respective Counties to enforce their ordinances within their jurisdiction in the corporate limits of the City. The Council therefore adopted Ordinance No. 1035, which was the incorporation of the two County ordinances, with the additional mandate of leashing the dogs and keeping them confined to private property. Councilman McClenon further stated he felt that Takoma Park should have same rules as applies to the District of Columbia since Takoma Park is classified as a City.

113 Mr. J. Cory, 519 Boyd Avenue, requested further information regarding the passing of the dog Ordinance.

Councilman Klinck moved that the portion of the last meeting referring to the dog ordinance be read.

Councilman Perring seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried, and complied with.

Mr. John Thomas, 523 Boyd Avenue, stated he felt that the political bodys were only responding to pressure of votes.

Mr. Luke Bennett, 211 Maple Avenue, read letter of the Community League opposing Ordinance No. 1035.

Mr. Earl H. Burdine, 6 Sycamore Avenue, expressed his desire for Council to repeal this law or make another to do away with dogs entirely.

Mrs. Mary Reetis, 7055 Eastern Avenue, explained how the dog law is enforced in the District. She further stated that in most cases where people are bitten by dogs, it is the people that are aggressive.

Mrs. George Poole, 7233 Garland Avenue, suggested enactment of a law whereby a dog in heat would have to be restricted.

Mr. Robert Curtis, 204 Flower Avenue, stated a few of the dog owners were not doing their part and the rest were being penalized for it.

Mr. Hicks P. Ware, 107 Elm Avenue, stated he was not in favor of dogs or against them, but was speaking in behalf of the public welfare. He stated quite a few dogs run free throughout the Community creating a nuisance and commended Mayor and Council for passing this type of Ordinance.

Mrs. Anna Shadle, 24 Carroll Avenue, stated she thought the people could train dogs to stay on their property, as she had done this and the only time her dog barked was when stray dogs came up on her porch. She also suggested that people convert to a smaller breed.

Mr. J. Cory suggested another meeting to hear dog owners.

Mr. E. J. Roccati, 1302 Erskine Street, stated any law that could not be enforced was a bad law, and he could not see how the City would enforce this one as it would take a dog catcher to catch the dogs and lock them up - since it is understood that the Police are not to shoot the dogs.

Mayor Beville addressed the audience and stated that each person's comments would be considered and every point covered, and in case they have another meeting, please come with constructive criticism. He also expressed appreciation for the large attendance, and the desire for such an attendance at other meetings of more importance.

Councilman Perring then addressed the citizens present and stated that evidently, from some statements, the validity of the City's

police records were questioned, and he wanted to assure the citizens, 3 they are correct. He pointed out that there were 18 reports of dogs struck by automobiles and some of the dogs were killed. Councilman Perring further stated it was mentioned that it would be better if the City paid more attention to traffic than dogs, but if the police didn't have to answer all these dog calls, they could be out taking care of the traffic. Any law might be good or it might be bad, and the only way to know is by putting it in force.

Mrs. William Fisher, 112 N. Y. Avenue, stated if they did have a public hearing, she thought they should do something about the cats.

Mr. A. C. Sietz, 7223 Glenside Drive, stated he tried to comply with the law, and had his daughter take his dog for a walk, but his dog was attacked by another dog which hurt him because his daughter was holding his dog. The law should be enforced over entire City.

Mr. Earl H. Burdine, 6 Sycamore Avenue, addressed Council regarding the petition submitted by citizens on Sycamore Avenue opposing the one-way street from Ethan Allen to Elm Avenue. Stated he lived in one of the houses between Ethan Allen and Columbia, and it was hard to get out of Sycamore into Ethan Allen Avenue. Suggested a stop light at Sycamore Avenue to work with stop light at Carroll and Ethan Allen Avenues would eliminate making this a one-way street.

Mrs. Ellery Denison, 7207 13th Place, suggested the stop sign on Ethan Allen be moved to Sycamore Avenue.

Mr. Stacey, 11 Woodland Avenue, stated our traffic congestion occurs only about $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours - from 4 to 6:30 in the evening. The traffic in the morning is more scattered. He suggested putting signs up from 4 to 6:30 p. m. as they do on 13th Street in the District.

Mr. D. C. Dewey, 15 Woodland Avenue, opposed making Woodland Avenue a one-way street.

Mrs. William Fischer, 112 N. Y. Avenue, agreed with Mr. Burdine regarding the stop light at Sycamore Avenue, and pointed out that Baltimore Avenue should have one-way parking.

Mr. Whalley, 238 Park Avenue, asked why Council was doing away with parking on Park Avenue, and opposed this.

Councilman Perring explained Park Avenue was very hazardous due to the narrow street - almost impossible for two cars to pass, and in order to take care of the traffic it was felt that the thing to do was eliminate parking.

Mr. Whalley asked for statistics on wrecks between parked cars and moving cars on Park Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

Mr. C. S. Longacre, 102 Park Avenue, stated he had a roomer and some of the other people on Park Avenue had roomers with no place to park their cars.

Mayor Beville stated he would like to go on record and have it known that there is not a single Councilman or the Mayor that does not have the best interest of Takoma Park at heart. He suggested it would be a good idea for the citizens to make a few suggestions before action is taken and thus eliminate some of the confusion.

134 Mr. C. A. Railey, 308 Cedar Avenue, suggested that some of the things considered in private meetings be given publicity in the paper before a regular meeting.

Mr. C. S. Longacre, 102 Park Avenue, questioned the "no parking" on Carroll Avenue from Lee to Flower Avenue and stated it would interfere with worship service at the Sligo Church. Councilman Perring stated if it was found that a law is not operative, it would be repealed.

Mr. George Kennedy, 7715 Takoma Avenue, asked that an advertisement be put in the paper if a public hearing is held on the dog ordinance.

Mr. Ellery Denison, 7207 13th Place, asked what has happened to the zoning plans that the Park and Planning Commission were supposed to prepare. Mayor Beville stated that pressure should be applied on the Legislature for the Council to have more authority in zoning matters.

Mr. Denison also asked about the plans to repair Maple Avenue bridge. Mayor Beville stated the reason for delay was that the Mayor and Council wanted to do this job in the best interest of the people, and that they have been attempting to straighten the creek out and make it run on one side of the road and eliminate all bridges.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilman Klinck presented bill from International Business Machines Corporation in the amount of \$182.18, for installation of time clock in the Public Works Department, and stated the Superintendent of Public Works had put this in on a trial basis, which proved it was worth the investment. This bill had been held up for sometime by the Finance Committee. Councilman Klinck moved that the bill be recommended for payment and charged to the balance remaining in the capital item of the budget No. 13.403 A.

Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried with Councilman Oosterhous voting Nay.

Corporation Counsel Gingerich informed Council that he would have to submit his report at the next Council meeting pending a meeting with Mr. Eby, Vice-Chairman of the Park and Planning Commission, on January 23, 1951.

Councilman Parkhill moved that \$499.00 be spent for playground equipment on the City's playgrounds.

Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Klinck moved that in Ordinance No. 920, Section 2, Part A, change "a minimum width of (30) feet" to "the full width of the right-of-way."

Councilman Oosterhous seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Klinck moved that in Ordinance No. 920, Section 2, Part D, Item 3, change "six inches" to "eight inches".

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Klinck moved the entire elimination of Item 2 under Part D of Section 2, and that the following specification be made the third optional type:

Asphaltic Concrete Base-Asphaltic Plant Mix Wearing Surface.
This pavement shall consist of an asphaltic concrete base course having a minimum finished compacted thickness of four inches and a wearing surface of two inches finished compacted thickness of an approved asphaltic plant mix, all of the materials to conform to, and the pavement to be constructed in accordance with, specifications of the Superintendent.

Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Klinck moved that in accordance with the codes of both Counties regarding street width (Part D of Section 2 in Ordinance No. 920), the width be changed to "26 feet between inside faces of curbs."

Councilman Perring seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with Councilmen Oosterhous and Parkhill voting Nay.

Councilman Klinck moved the adoption of the following Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 920 as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 1042 - See Page 116 and 117

Councilman Perring seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, Oosterhous, Parkhill, Perring and Tymeson. Nays: None.

Councilman Oosterhous stated he appeared at the last meeting of the Chamber of Commerce by request regarding action Council took on Grid System. Most of them were in favor of the principle of the Grid System - most opposition was the changing of names of streets, particularly Laurel Avenue. The Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club are appointing a Committee to make a presentation to the Council. Councilman Oosterhous further stated he had talked with Mr. Hilliard of the Park and Planning Commission and he said all technical points would be gone over with representatives of the Council.

Mayor Beville pointed out that Council had adopted "in principle" the plan, but it was subject to modification, preferably in writing.

Mayor Beville referred the matter of the dog ordinance to the Law and Ordinance Committee, and for a decision as to whether or not a hearing should be held, and if so, where and when.

Mayor Beville presented a request he received from the American Legions in connection with the March of Dimes - asking that 10¢ be inserted in our parking meters instead of 1¢, and 9¢ would go to the March of Dimes. Councilman Parkhill so moved.

Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Mayor Beville pointed out that we had received report of the Office of the Housing Expediter, and an investigation was in order as to what is the status of rent control and whether the City should continue rent control.

Mayor Beville presented the matter of commercial areas immediately adjacent to the boundaries of the City, and stated that as these areas are being built up, our police and fire department problems are increasing, and will tend to increase the expenses of the City. These people will depend on Takoma Park's support, so it seems reasonable that these people should pay taxes to the City. Mayor Beville asked that each Councilman give a little study to this matter. After further discussion, Mayor Beville proposed that the Superintendent of Public Works be authorized to get the legal description of the following property:

1. N.E. Corner at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and University Lane.
2. The N.W. Corner at the intersection of New Hampshire and University Lane.
3. The S.E. Corner of Ethan Allen Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue.
4. The S.W. Corner of Ethan Allen Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 midnight.

ORDINANCE NO. 1042

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, as authorized by the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, as the same are codified in the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930), Article 16, Sections 960 (A) and 973, and Article 17, Sections 953 (A) and 966, as amended, and as amended, and as further codified in Sections 1193 A and 1206 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Montgomery County (1947), that the following amendments be made in Ordinance No. 920:

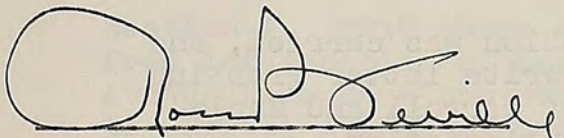
Section 1. That Part A of Section 2 be amended to eliminate the words "minimum width of thirty (30) feet" and insert the words "the full width of the right-of-way."

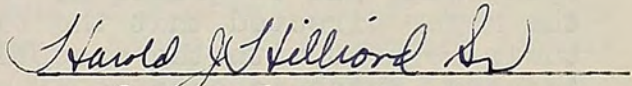
Section 2. That Item 3, Part D, Section 2, be amended to eliminate the words "six inches" to "eight inches."

Section 3. That Item 2, Part D, Section 2, be eliminated, and the following specifications be made the third optional type:

Asphaltic Concrete Base - Asphaltic Plant Mix Wearing Surface.
This pavement shall consist of an asphaltic concrete base course having a minimum finished compacted thickness of four inches and a wearing surface of two inches finished compacted thickness of an approved asphaltic plant mix, all of the materials to conform to, and the pavement to be constructed in accordance with, specifications of the Superintendent.

Section 4. That Part D, Section 2, be amended to eliminate the words "a minimum width of thirty (30) feet between outside faces of curbs" and insert the words "a minimum width of twenty-six (26) feet between inside faces of curbs."


MAYOR


Clerk and Treasurer